REMARKS

The abstract and specification have been amended in order to correct grammatical and idiomatic errors contained therein. No new matter has been added. The claims have been amended in order to address the Examiner's objections to Claims 1, 3 and 4. The claims have also been amended in order to address the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-5 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. It is respectfully submitted that the claims no longer contain any formal defects.

Acknowledgement is made of the Examiner's indication that Claim 2 contains allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Claim 2 has been combined with Claim 1 in order to place the instant application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Claim 2 has been canceled. It is respectfully submitted that the presently claimed invention is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels that there are any outstanding matters left to be resolved in the present application, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted in order that these issues may be resolved. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Terryence F. Chapman

TFC/smd

FLYNN, THIEL, BOUTELL David G. Boutell Reg. No. 25 072 & TANIS, P.C. Terryence F. Chapman Reg. No. 32 549 2026 Rambling Road Mark L. Maki Reg. No. 36 589 Kalamazoo, MI 49008-1631 Liane L. Churney Req. No. 40 694 Reg. No. 36 328 Phone: (269) 381-1156 Brian R. Tumm (269) 381-5465 Fax: Heon Jekal Reg. No. 64 219 Eugene J. Rath III Reg. No. 42 094 Dale H. Thiel Reg. No. 24 323 Sidney B. Williams, Jr. Reg. No. 24 949

Encl: Replacement Abstract
Clean Substitute Specification
Marked-Up Substitute Specification
Postal Card